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SENATOR GOODRICH: That is Senator Lewis's amendment that says that if there is any dispute that arises between municipalities political subdivisions, utility corporations and that sort of thing relative to either transmission capacity or availability, or the charge for wheeling, that that dispute shall be given or rendered to the Public Power Commission, whose decision after they have investigated and heard it, they help decide and their decision is binding.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You are talking about the Power Review Board.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This is a part of one your amendments. One of the committee amendments.

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SENATOR GOODRICH: One of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And that's what you are moving to adopt?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments as offered by Senator Goodrich. The question is do you want to adopt the amendments then. All those in favor of adopting the amendments please say aye, those opposed say no. The ayes have it, the amendments are adopted. Are there other amendments to the bill. Stand by, we are looking at some other amendments here. Stand by for just a minute. Senator Goodrich back to you.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, and members of the body. This is the Public Power Bill which you have all heard about. And I would like to briefly review the bill for you. It is a bill in the first section which sets policy, relative to what is intended. The second, section of the bill says in essence that Nebraska entities can get together within Nebraska and without Nebraska on a joint venture to bill generating facilities. The need for the bill came as a result of an opinion of the Bond House in New York when OPPD decided they wanted to try a joint venture in construction of a plant and it was discovered that by the Bond House in New York that we..the Power Districts can join with Power Districts and cities can join with cities, that cities and Power Districts cannot join together. And it is for that reason that we introduced the bill. For the purpose of allowing cities and municipalities and Power Districts to be able to joint venture on the construction of power projects. Generating projects. And then, once we got started with it, we discovered that there was some interest in disputes such as the wheeling amendment, we adopted that. We adopted various technical amendments to let other entities to get involved. This is like